

Yukevich Scores Summary Judgment Copyright Win for “Granny”

Yukevich|Cavanaugh convinced the United States District Court of the Northern District of Illinois to summarily dismiss a copyright infringement claim against its client, application developer, DVapps, AB (aka Dennis Vukanovic), related to his horror video game series. Judge Mathew F. Kennelly’s opinion granted judgment against Plaintiff Ambitious Productions, Inc. on its claims involving the “Granny” video games created by Mr. Vukanovic as part of his successful franchise. Plaintiff had claimed that each of Mr. Vukanovic’s “Granny” games and other related content infringed on Ambitious’ 1999 movie of the same name, but Yukevich attorneys marshalled the evidence of the Game’s original creation and persuaded the court that there was no infringement as a matter of law.

Before DVapps hired Yukevich, Plaintiff filed takedown notices and other complaints with large distributors like Steam, Apple, and Google that resulted in the “Granny” game being unavailable to some customers. With the Illinois District Court’s ruling and judgment, DVapps will again be able to distribute the “Granny” games and other content to its fans despite Ambitious’ infringement claims.

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